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## **AGREEMENT**

## D/NRO and JCS-JRC

- 1. This agreement formalizes arrangements for NRO utilization of technical and operational resources of DoD for support and execution of airborne reconnaissance operations.
- 2. The peacetime resources of the NRO and DoD covered by this agreement include peripheral and special mission aircraft, certain aircraft now conducting assigned overflight missions, certain drone aircraft and advanced manned aircraft under development; and, in addition, the logistic and operational support provided other missions.
- 3. During periods of war or tension, as defined by the

  Secretary of Defense or higher authority, and over such areas or

  territories as may be designated by that authority, airborne reconnaissance
  missions will become the responsibility of the JCS and necessary control
  and resources will be transferred from the NRO as required.
- 4. In order to ensure, inter alia, that such a transfer of mission control can be accomplished efficiently when required; that complete

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technical and operational coordination between current and future JCS and NRO missions is provided, including mission status reporting; that the Joint Chiefs are kept fully informed on all mission planning and status; that the logistic and operational support provided other missions can be presented to and reviewed by the JCS with adequate lead times; that such technical and planning support as is directed by the D/NRO is provided to manage the sum of DoD-NRO resources; and that vehicles under NRO-DoD control, currently under development, which could be used for overflight purposes, when and if such missions are assigned, are supported by mission plans and resource allocations acceptable to the D/NRO and JCS, the D/NRO and the JCS agree that:

a. The Chief JRC will assume appropriate staff duties of for the D/NRO, and will make the services of JRC available as the D/NRO directs, to arrange for implementation required by the preceding considerations.

b. The duties of the JRC vis-a-vis the JCS and NRO will be in accordance with existing directives, understandings, and arrangements, amplified where necessary to reflect additional functions assigned to the JRC by the D/NRO.

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5. Specific additional duties assigned to the JRC will reflect the above considerations in a manner agreeable to the D/NRO and JCS.

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